
Event Agenda

Western Regional Symposium 2025

Mon, Apr 07, 2025

- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **Registration**
Location: Main Foyer
- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM** **Light Breakfast**
Location: Main Foyer
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** **Sport Clay Tournament**
Location: Sun Mountain Gun Club
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM** **Exhibitor Set-Up**
Location: Main Hall
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** **Welcome Reception and Trade Show**
Location: Main Hall
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Tue, Apr 08, 2025

- 6:30 AM - 8:00 AM** **Breakfast**
Location: Main Foyer
- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **Registration**
Location: Main Foyer
- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** **Welcome & Keynote Speaker**
Location: Main Dining Room
- State of SWANA**
 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM
 Location: Main Dining Room
 Speaker: Amy Burke
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Technical Session 1A - Air Quality Programs**
Location: Forest View Room
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Clean Fuels Programs**
 9:05 AM - 9:25 AM
 Location: Forest View Room
 Speaker: Kevin Brown
- Can I Get Credit For That?**
 9:25 AM - 9:45 AM
 Location: Forest View Room
 Speakers: Victoria Evans, Erik Martig
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Technical Session 1B - Landfill Waste Characterization**
Location: Counties Room
- The State of Acceptability Criteria and the Future of Earthwork in California, 2025 Part 1**
 9:05 AM - 9:25 AM
 Location: Counties Room
 Speaker: Will Rice
- The State of Acceptability Criteria and the Future of Earthwork in California, 2025 Part 2**
 9:25 AM - 9:45 AM
 Location: Counties Room
 Speaker: Patrick Womble
- 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM** **Trade Show**
Location: Main Hall

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Joint Chapters Meeting

Location: Counties Room

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

Location: Main Hall

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Technical Session 2A - Landfill Operations

Location: Forest View Room

Winterization – Prepare for the Storm

1:05 PM - 1:25 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Michael Gonzalez

"How Impermeable are our Cells and Ponds Really?" A look into Geosynthetic Liner Damage and Repairs

1:25 PM - 1:45 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Evan Guignon

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Technical Session 2B - CARB's Advanced Clean Fleet Regs and Zero Emissions Vehicles

Location: Counties Room

Zero Emission Vehicle Case Studies

1:05 PM - 1:45 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Philip Mainolfi

2:00 PM - 2:55 PM

Technical Session 3A - Technology Solutions

Location: Forest View Room

Case Study Proposal: Revolutionizing MRF Maintenance through Tech-Driven Solutions

2:05 PM - 2:25 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Corey Stone

AI, Automation, Technology and what is coming in 2026

2:25 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Fearghal Murphy

2:00 PM - 2:55 PM

Technical Session 3B - LFGCCS Construction Solutions

Location: Counties Room

Landfill Construction for integrated Gas Systems"

2:05 PM - 2:25 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: William Haley

Emissions,

2:25 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Kent Imel

3:15 PM - 4:10 PM

Technical Session 4A - Organics Diversion Programs

Location: Forest View Room

Residential Organics Recycling: a shift from one cart to another

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Erin Rowland

Navigating Organics Diversion: A Comparative Case Study on Organics Diversion Programs in California and Massachusetts.

3:40 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Tristan Rawlings

3:15 PM - 4:10 PM

Technical Session 4B - Landfill Construction Challenges

Location: Counties Room

Liquid Waste Solidification: Construction Challenges

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Eric Domek

Challenge Accepted: Construction of a 20-acre Lined Cell over the Winter and Lessons Learned

3:40 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speakers: Jeff Dobrowolski, Ryan Schmidt, Anelle Concepcion

4:15 PM - 5:10 PM

Technical Session 5A - Safety Improvements

Location: Forest View Room

Safety on the Streets Starts with Route Planning

4:20 PM - 4:40 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Aaron Nuffer

Case Study: Driving Continual Safety Improvement Through Employee-Driven Safety Committees

4:40 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Jordan Young

4:15 PM - 5:10 PM

Technical Session 5B - YP Mentoring

Location: Counties Room

Mentor Magic: Tools & Tips for Making Impactful Connections and Elevating Others

4:20 PM - 4:40 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Colleen Foster

People Management: Trial by Fire, YP open discussion

4:40 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Cortney Zellman Grubbs

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Trade Show

Location: Main Hall

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Reception

Location: Main Hall

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6:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

Location: Main Foyer

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration

Location: Main Foyer

8:00 AM - 9:20 AM

Technical Session 6A - Public Outreach Efforts

Location: Forest View Room

Charged Conversations: Using Video, Social Media and Frontline Staff to Drive Behavior Change and Prevent Battery Fire

8:05 AM - 8:25 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Eric Palmer

From Awareness to Action: Public Outreach for SB 1383

8:25 AM - 8:45 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Dalia Gonzalez

Responding to Community Odor Concerns and Fostering Positive Community Engagement

8:45 AM - 9:05 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Andy Christopher

8:00 AM - 9:20 AM

Technical Session 6B - Anaerobic Digestion Solutions

Location: Counties Room

An (almost) MBT Facility

8:05 AM - 8:25 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Clint Knox

Overview of Anaerobic Digestion for Food Waste

8:25 AM - 8:45 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Tim Raibley

The Role of Steam Hydrolysis for Enhanced Organics Recovery and Biogas Production

8:45 AM - 9:05 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Joe Ayala

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Trade Show

Location: Main Hall

9:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Technical Session 7A - Food Recovery Efforts

Location: Forest View Room

Regional Food Recovery Hubs

9:35 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Michelle Leonard

Edible Food Recovery in the City of Glendale

10:05 AM - 10:30 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Etienne Ozorak

Are You Going to Eat That? A Crash Course in Kitchen Conservation

10:35 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Lauren Beauban

9:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Technical Session 7B - Circular Economy and EPR

Location: Counties Room

California Legislative Update: Carpet, Vapes, Solar Panels, and More!

9:35 AM - 9:55 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Nate Pelczar

Zero Waste Strategies as part of Sustainability and Resilience Plans for Port Maritime Facilities

9:55 AM - 10:15 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Grace Hadinata

Textile Stewardship: The Pathway to a Circular Economy

10:15 AM - 10:35 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Ryan Klein

HHW and Explosive Products: The Final EPR Frontier

10:35 AM - 10:55 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Heidi Sanborn

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

Location: Main Hall

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Technical Session 8A - Aging LFG Collection and Control Systems

Location: Forest View Room

Comparative Analysis of Methane Abatement Technologies for Smaller and/or Closed Landfills

1:05 PM - 1:25 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Liz Moore

Is Your Landfill GCCS Ready for Retirement?

1:25 PM - 1:45 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Melissa St. John

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Technical Session 8B - PFAS Management

Location: Counties Room

Advanced Techniques for PFAS Management in Landfill Leachate: Foam Fractionation and SCWO Case Study

1:05 PM - 1:25 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Robert Angius

Digestate and Complex Wastewater Stream PFAS Removal via Low Residual, Foam Fractionation Process

1:25 PM - 1:45 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Chris Taylor

2:00 PM - 3:20 PM

Technical Session 9A - Compost Challenges

Location: Forest View Room

Another SB 1383 Challenge: What To Do With All That Compost?

2:05 PM - 2:25 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Bill Camarillo

Thinking About Launching a Community Scale Compost Site? What to Consider.

2:25 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Erik Martig

Current State of the Regulation of Composting Facilities under Air Quality Programs

2:45 PM - 3:05 PM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Patrick Sullivan

2:00 PM - 3:20 PM

Technical Session 9B - Waste Disposal Issues

Location: Counties Room

Following the Flow: Beyond the First Scale House, Do You Really Know Where Your Tons Are Going?

2:05 PM - 2:35 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Emily Hanson

Rising from the Ashes – Charting a New Course after the Closure of Waste-to-Energy Facilities in California

2:35 PM - 3:05 PM

Location: Counties Room

Speakers: John Carlton, Jane Hermsen, Jake Sowers, William Chen, Will Richards, Rosene Salmo

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Balcony Reception

Location: Exterior Balcony

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dinner

Location: Main Dining

6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

High Sierras Party

Location: Outdoor Pavilion

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6:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

Location: Main Foyer

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Registration

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8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

Technical Session 10A - Reuse and Repair Programs

Location: Forest View Room

Reuse Initiatives and Repair Events for Waste Reduction and Better Consumer Habits in the Long Beach Community

8:05 AM - 8:25 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Tory Romero

Deploying Reusable Foodware at Farmers Markets Through a Public-Private Partnership

8:25 AM - 8:45 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Meilin Tsao

8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

Technical Session 10B - Landfill Gas to Energy

Location: Counties Room

Landfill Gas to Energy Project Solutions: Electricity vs RNG

8:05 AM - 8:25 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speakers: Chris Hiller, Dylan Deriot

Making the Case for Waste-to-Electricity Projects

8:25 AM - 8:45 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Maddie Julian

9:00 AM - 9:55 AM

Technical Session 11A - SB 1383 Compliance Part 1

Location: Forest View Room

Waste Diversion: How to Measure Success Through Route Reviews and Waste Characterizations

9:05 AM - 9:25 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Laura Johnson

Education and Enforcement: How technology reshapes our methods and outcomes

9:25 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speaker: Nik Balachandran

9:00 AM - 9:55 AM

Technical Session 11B - Technology Solutions - Drone Usage

Location: Counties Room

Advancing Drone Technologies for the Solid Waste Industry: Safer, Smarter, and More Efficient Data Collection

9:05 AM - 9:25 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Melissa Russo

Curbing Waste's Impact on Oceans Plastics, Leveraging Technology

9:25 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Cesar Leon

10:00 AM - 11:20 AM

Technical Session 12A - SB 1383 Compliance Part 2

Location: Forest View Room

Navigating the Road to SB 1383 Compliance: JACE Enforcement, ROWP, and Program Impact Analysis

10:00 AM - 11:10 AM

Location: Forest View Room

Speakers: April Hamud, Colleen Foster, Ashlee Yee

10:00 AM - 11:20 AM

Technical Session 12B - Landfill Redevelopment

Location: Counties Room

Transforming Sinkin' Lincoln Into an Economic Boon for the City of Anaheim

10:05 AM - 10:35 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speaker: Joe Miceli

'L' is for Landfill Redevelopment - From Golf Courses to Graveyards, Adventures in Landfill Redevelopment

10:35 AM - 11:05 AM

Location: Counties Room

Speakers: Srividhya Viswanathan, Ray Huff

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Wrap-up & Keynote

Location: Main Dining

CalRecycle's Update on the Zero Waste Plan

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

Location: Main Dining Hall

Speaker: Clara Vazeix